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## PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR EIR/EIS on CALIFORNIA'S HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SERVICE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN JOSE

SAN FRANCISCO – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) will be hosting public scoping meetings this month to support the project environmental review process for the San Francisco to San Jose section of the high speed train system..

The alignment for the San Francisco to San Jose section will travel along the Caltrain rail right-of-way between San Francisco and San Jose. Future stations are proposed in San Francisco, Millbrae and San Jose, and potential station locations in Redwood City or Palo Alto will be considered.

A project Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) is being prepared to assess the technical studies, impact analysis and mitigation measures described in the program EIR/EIS (approved in July 2008) and provide the more detailed level of analysis required before construction can begin. Planned scoping meetings along the proposed corridor will give members of the public and public agencies an opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions and provide input.

The public is invited to attend any of the following scoping meetings, which will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 pm:

San Mateo County Meeting January 22, 2009 SamTrans Auditorium 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA

San Francisco County Meeting January 27, 2009 San Francisco State University 835 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor (Rooms 673 & 674) San Francisco, CA

Santa Clara County January 29, 2009 Santa Clara County Convention Center 5001 Great America Parkway Great America Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 Santa Clara, CA

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is responsible for building high-speed train service covering 800 miles and reaching speeds up to 220 MPH. Voters approved



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Proposition 1A on the November 2008 ballot putting a down payment on what will be America's first high-speed train system. By linking all major cities in California with a state of the art new transportation option, California's high-speed train system will increase mobility while cutting air pollution and reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. Building the high-speed train system will cost less than half the cost of freeway and aviation alternatives. Operating the system will create an annual surplus of over \$1 billion.

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